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MASS MEETING.

A meeting of the people of Fairfield County is requested for Saturday, December 14th, at 12 o'clock M., in the Court House at Winnsboro, to consider the advisability of issuing county bonds for improving the highways with a view to giving employment to the people for the winter months.

T. K. Elliott, W. C. Beaty,
A. S. Douglass, Jas. P. Caldwell,
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should take. If the proposition is not worthy of consideration, you should come out and say so; if it is worth a favorable consideration, come and give it your support.

Sow Grain.

In response to numbers of inquiries that we have made, we have gathered the information that there has been but little grain sown in the county so far. Two reasons are given: the one the dryness of the land, the other the inability of the people to supply themselves with the necessary seed. There is much truth in both of these reasons, but we fear that there is a third reason that is as much or more a factor than either of the above, viz.: that many people are demoralized on account of the present condition of the country.

instances where the land has been in a suitable condition and where grain has been obtainable, little has been sown, possibly from the force of habit. In this connection we wish to emphasize the fact that it is highly necessary for the farmers to sow as much grain as possible so as to enable them to have food for themselves and stock next summer without having to buy corn at such exorbitant prices as \$1.25 or \$1.50 a bushel. Were we in a position to act the part of a philanthropist towards the people of this county, we would direct our efforts in part towards this important feature of sowing grain. If there is anything a farmer can go in debt for at this time, it is the seed and the labor for sowing grain, and if there is any advance that merchants and others can wisely make to the people, it is the grain with which they can sow down their lands. Sow grain is the watchword we would now have sounded in every farmer's ears and next summer we would change it to sow peas.

Flossy Dale Dots.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Bessie Stewart, daughter of Mr. R. J. Stewart, of Mossy Dale, to Mr. W. E. Carter, of Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. A. G. Bookman had the misfortune to lose his dwelling, the Crooked Run neighborhood, on Tuesday last. Mr. Bookman left his home about 10 o'clock a. m. for Columbia; the fire broke out at about 2:30 p. m. The fire, I understand, broke out in the attic. A farm hand on the place broke open the door and saved the contents of his room. No insurance that I know of.

I hope there will be a good attendance next Saturday at the public meeting called to derive some plan to help the laborers of our county. They need it and that bad. If things take the usual course it will be rather late, but I have confidence in the promoters of the plan to think that if the proposition is endorsed in mass meeting they can make a move to put the money in circulation in advance. I endorse any fair means to help an impoverished people, for the times are very dark.

T. B. McK.
Dec. 12, 1901.

GOING IN DEBT FOR GOOD ROADS.

(Continued from page one.)

Economy is wealth. There may be a difference of opinion as to the kind of economy which creates wealth. The miser economizes, but the more economy of his kind the worse for the community in which he moves. But there can be no two sides to the nature of the advantages accruing to a people by getting rid of mud and making good roads. This \$8,000,000 saved annually in Iowa would cause the State to blossom as the rose. It would settle the question of the practicability of making Iowa a successful manufacturing State. It would put an end to all differences between the railroads and the people, because it would solve the problem of cheap transportation. It would add materially to every man's ability to earn a living by making such a distribution of the millions saved as come naturally through the laws of traffic. It is just that kind of a saving which helps everybody and harms no one. It is the keynote of business economy. If a man gets along with one suit of clothes, one pair of boots, and one hat when his comfort and happiness requires and his circumstances permit two of each kind, and this economy is general, the business of the country becomes depressed, and failures are common. Such economy is the wealth. But let each man's share of the amount saved by building good roads equal the amount saved by economizing on clothing, and the country prospers and the people thrive, because the saving is taking from what is now absolute waste. France is financially stable and strong, and her people are busy and prosperous, because nothing is permitted to go to waste, and yet there is no country on the globe where the masses realize so much right down real enjoyment of the pleasures of life as the French. They have good stone roads in France and the Government built them.

There are times when the demoralized condition of the business of this country may be traced directly to bad roads. Stringency in the money market may be attributed as often to bad roads as to any other cause. Hard times, dull times, labor unemployed, fluctuating prices, reduced railroad earnings, spasmodic speculation in stocks, corners in meat and breadstuffs, are often the immediate results of bad roads. Mud, besides being a rapacious fiend, is a harp-hearted king. R. G. Dun & Co., of New York, in a recent review of the condition of trade, says that "the stringency in money markets here and at some other points is more largely due to slow collections, which appear to result from severe weather and impracticable roads than from any form of commercial unsoundness or inability to distribute products."

At Chicago, partly because of bad roads receipts of many products declined.

So it is that mud rules the land. It is a great conqueror. It is worse than an invading army. So great a foe requires the united efforts of the people to dethrone it. In this struggle every line of business in the land should be united, and there certainly is no interest which has more at stake in the success of this grand reform, or which should be more determined and active in urging the great work forward, than the National and State banks of Iowa.

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A Card of Thanks.

Mr. Editor: Please let me through the columns of The News and Herald express my highest appreciation for all the kindness bestowed upon myself and family by the members of my own church and of our sister churches. It has never been my pleasure to serve a more kind and indulgent people than those of Winnsboro and Greenbrier congregations. I have never lived in any community where the members of other churches, and those belonging to no church at all, have been more kind and generous than those of Winnsboro. My stay in Winnsboro has been both delightful and profitable on account of the reasons mentioned above. I have greatly enjoyed my association with the pastors of all the churches. My family and self will always think of our short stay in Winnsboro with great pleasure to ourselves. I can ask no greater favor for my successor than to ask for him the same kindness you have all bestowed upon me and mine.

So let me now say to all many thanks for kindness rendered and to breath a silent prayer for God's richest blessing upon all who have in the least way rendered our stay in Winnsboro pleasant and helpful. Goodbye to all. Our home in the city at the foot of the hills stands open to all our old parishioners and many kind friends.

I am very truly yours,
E. P. Taylor.
Winnsboro, Dec. 10, 1901.

COLORED TEACHERS MEET.

There was a very interesting and profitable meeting held at the colored graded school building on Saturday, December 7th.

This event marked the opening of the county institutes to be held monthly for the benefit of the colored teachers of Fairfield county.

Rev. J. A. Tillman as principle opened the meeting with devotional exercises after which he stated in a clear and concise manner, the object of the meeting.

The subject of reading was then taken up and discussed freely by his assistant giving some practical and modern methods about the teaching of the same—short talks from others followed.

Aritmetic was then presented by the principal in an attractive, earnest and practical way that received the approval of all present. He was commended for his masterly effort.

After urging upon the teachers the importance of these meetings, the body adjourned to meet again the fourth Saturday in January, 1902, at which time we expect to have Supt. Rosboro present to teach how to keep the school register. The subjects of reading and arithmetic will be continued unless further notice.

The following teachers were present: Rev. J. A. Tillman, principal; Miss C. C. Preston, assistant; Misses Amanda Robinson, Pearl Starks, Annie B. Russell, Ella B. Means, Leathia Russell, Maggie J. Craig, Lucinda Smith, Rev. E. M. Glover, Mr. G. W. Johnson, Winnsboro, S. C., Mr. J. B. Boulware, Flint Hill, S. C.

A Friend.

A striking evidence of the increase of interest in matters of education in this State is the number of counties that are now holding teachers' associations. From all over the State comes reports that these meetings are being well attended, and the plan of pursuing a uniform course of work is in high favor. Surely there is a better day ahead for South Carolina schools.

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AT IT AGAIN.

Tillman and McLaurin Carry on Their Quarrel in the Senate.
Washington, Dec. 9.—The spectators in the crowded galleries of the senate thought for a time this afternoon that they were to witness the spectacle of two Palmetto State senators resigning their seats. It was one of the most dramatic scenes witnessed in the historic chamber for many years, when Senator Tillman challenged Senator McLaurin to quit the senate in company with him and go home and wash their dirty linen. One of the amusing features of the entire affair was that after the two South Carolinians had pitched in and lugged at each other, the grave and sedate Senator Hoar of Massachusetts got a chance to review the law and the precedent in such cases, from all of which he drew the conclusion that the seats were really vacant because the two senators after they had once resigned to the governor could not recall their resignations.

Tax Returns—1902.

The office of the County Auditor will be open for receiving tax returns from January 1st to February 20th—returns to be made of real estate and personal property. A penalty will accrue when parties fail to make returns within the above mentioned dates. All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years are liable to poll tax, unless otherwise exempt, and are required to make return of same.

The Auditor or his deputy will be at the following places on the days specified:

- Albion, Monday, January 13.
- Buckhead, Tuesday, January 14.
- Willing, Wednesday, January 15.
- Crosbyville, Thursday, January 16.
- Woodward, Friday, January 17.
- White Oak, Saturday, January 18.
- Gladden's Grove, Monday, January 20.
- Flint Hill, Wednesday, January 22.
- Longtown, Thursday, January 23.
- Centreville, Friday, January 24.
- M. L. Cooper's, Saturday, January 25.
- Blythewood, Tuesday, January 28.
- Ridgeway, Wednesday, January 29.
- Horeb, Friday, January 31.
- Jenkinsville, Tuesday, February 4.
- Monticello, Wednesday, February 5.

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